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OF

STANDARDS FOR FARM PRODUCTS

FORMULATED BY THE

BUREAU OF AGRICULTURAL ECONOMICS.

WASHINGTON, D. C. JUNE 1927 A MANDATORY STANDARD may be defined as an official standard the use of which is compulsory in the conditions specified by the law under which that standard is promulgated; for instance, the Official Grain Standards of the United States for wheat are compulsory for such grain when shipped by grade in interstate commerce, according to the U. S. Grain Standards Act.

A PERMISSIVE STANDARD as here used may be defined as a standard which has been worked out and recommended officially for optional use. Such premissive standards are used by the U. S. Department of Agriculture in such lines of work as inspection and market news. Permissive standards are often adopted by States as mandatory under certain conditions.

A TENTATIVE STANDARD as here used may be defined as a standard that is still subject to investigation by the Department of Agriculture, that is offered for use under commercial conditions to test its practicability or as a basis for discussion. Such a tentative standard may later become either a permissive or a mandatory standard, according to circumstances.

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(Revised to June ,1927)

MANDATORY STANDARDS

Under U. S. Cotton Futures Act and U. S. Cotton Standards Act:

Cotton:

Grade and color:

Upland:

White grades. Promulgated 1914; revised 1923; partially rev. 1924. Yellow tinged, yellow stained, and blue stained colors. Promulgated 1916; rev. 1923.

Gray, spotted and light stained. Promulgated 1922.

Extra white. Promulgated 1926, effective 1927.

American Egyptian (grade and color). Promulgated 1918; rev. 1923; discontinued 1925 when the 1918 standards were reestablished. Sea Island (grade and color). Promulgated 1918; discontinued 1925.

Length of staple. Promulgated 1918; original representations rev. 1925.

(Note: S. R. A. 92 (Agr. Econ.) contains descriptions of all cotton standards now in force.)

American Cotton Linters. Promulgated 1925, effective 1926.

(See S. R. A. 94 (Agr. Econ.)

Under U. S. Grain Standards Act:

Grain:

Shelled Corn. Promulgated 1916; rev. 1918; amended 1921, 1924.

Wheat. Promulgated 1917; rev. 1918; amended 1921, 1922, 1924.

Oats. Promulgated 1919; amended 1924, 1925.

Rye. Promulgated 1923; amended 1924.

(Handbook U.S.G.S.A. 90 contains descriptions of these standards.)

Grain Sorghums. Promulgated 1924.

Feed Oats. Promulgated 1925.

Mixed Feed Oats. Promulgated 1925.

(Handbook U.S.G.S.A. 161 contains descriptions of these standards.)

Barley. Promulgated 1926, and amended 1927.

(See Handbook U.S.G.S.A. 165.)

Under U. S. Standard Container Act:

Containers:

Climax baskets. Promulgated 1916.

Berry boxes. Promulgated 1916.

Till baskets Promulgated 1916.

(See S. R. A. 104 (Agr. Econ.)

MANDATORY STANDARDS (Cont.)

Under U. S. Warehouse Act:

(Note: When storing any commodity, for grades of which United States standards have been officially promulgated or devised for the purpose, such standardized grades must be used if the warehouse receipt states the grade. In the absence of official or standardized grades, the Department approves such grades for use by licensed warehousemen as seem best to meet the needs.)

PERMISSIVE STANDARDS

<u>Used as basis for trading but not officially</u> promulgated and not under Government inspection:

Rice, Milled. Recommended 1918; rev. 1920, 1923 and 1927.

(See Handbook U.S.G.S. - G 1. Form No. 173.)

Rice, Rough. Recommended 1923; rev. 1927.

(See Handbook U.S.G.S. - A 1. Form No. 174.)

Used in services offered under annual appropriation acts covering inspection of fruits, vegetables, hay, and other perishable farm products (shipping point and market inspection); used in extension and demonstration work:

Beans, dry edible (19 classes). Recommended 1926. (Mimeographed circular.)

Broomcorn. Recommended 1926.
(Mimeographed circular.)

Butter. Recommended 1918.
(See S.R.A. 51 (Markets)

Cheese. American (whole milk). Recommended 1922.

(See Office of Secretary Cir. 157.)

Eggs. Recommended 1923; rev. 1925.
(Mimmeographed circular.)

Fruits and Vegetables:

Apples, barreled. Recommended 1918; rev. 1924, 1926.

(See S.R.A. 93 (Agr. Econ.) Amend. 1.)

Artichokes. Recommended 1926.

Asparagus. Recommended 1922; rev. 1925; rev. 1927.

Beans, string (wax or green). Recommended 1924; rev. 1927.

Beets, bunched. Recommended 1924; rev. 1926.

Cabbage. Recommended 1922; rev. 1924.

Cantaloupes. Recommended 1924; rev. 1926; rev. 1927.

Carrots, bunched. Recommended 1924; rev. 1925; rev. 1926.

PERMISSIVE STANDARDS (Cont.)

Carrots, topped. Recommended 1926; rev. 1925; rev. 1926.

Cauliflower. Recommended 1922; rev. 1925.

Celery. Recommended 1922; rev. 1925.

Cherries, sweet. Recommended 1926.

Citrus Fruits. Recommended 1923; rev. 1924; rev. 1926.

Corn, green. Recommended 1926; rev. 1927.

Cucumbers. Recommended 1922; rev. 1927.

Dewberries and Blackberries. Recommended 1926.

Eggplant. Recommended 1925.

Grapes, American, eastern type bunch. Recommended 1925; rev. 1926.

Grapes, table. Recommended 1924; rev. 1926; rev. 1927.

Grapes, juice. Recommended 1923; rev. 1926; rev. 1927.

Grapes, packed in sawdust or other packing material. Recommended 1925; rev. 1925; rev. 1927.

Honey. Recommended 1927.

Lettuce. Recommended 1923; rev. 1926.

Onions, Bermuda. Recommended 1918; rev. 1925; rev. 1927.

Onions, Creole. Recommended 1926.

Onions, Northern grown. Recommended 1920; rev. 1925.

Peaches. Recommended 1922; rev. 1924.

Peanuts, farmers' stock White Spanish. Recommended 1924; rev. 1925.

Peanuts, white shelled Spanish. Recommended 1923; rev. 1925.

Peanuts, runner. Recommended 1925; rev. 1925.

Pears. Recommended 1924; rev. 1925.

Peas, fresh. Recommended 1926.

Peppers, sweet. Recommended 1923.

Pineapples. Recommended 1924.

Plums and Prunes. Recommended 1923; rev. 1926.

Potatoes. Recommended 1917; rev. 1926.

(See S.R.A. 93 (Agr. Econ.) Amend. 2)

Potatoes, sweet. Recommended 1920; rev. 1926.

Radishes, bunched. Recommended 1926.

Shallots, bunched. Recommended 1927.

Spinach. Recommended 1925; rev. 1925.

Strawberries. Recommended 1918; rev. 1926.

Tomatoes, cannery. Recommended 1923; rev. 1926.

Tomatoes, fresh. Recommended 1918; rev. 1925.

Turnips, bunched. Recommended 1924.

Watermelons. Recommended 1923; rev. 1925.

(Mimeographed circulars unless otherwise stated.)

Hay:

Timothy and clover hay. Recommended 1922; promulgated 1925; rev. 1927.

Alfalfa and alafalfa mixed hay. Promulgated 1925; rev. 1927.

Prairie hay. Promulgated 1925; rev. 1927.

Johnson and Johnson mixed hay. Promulgated 1925.

Grass hay. Promulgated 1927.

PERMISSIVE STANDARDS (Cont.)

Hay, (Continued)

Mixed hay. Promulgated 1925; rev. 1927.

(All hay standards in Handbook H.F.S. 540 revised.)

Meats (fresh and frozen carcass beef). Promulgated 1926. (See S.R.A. (Agr. Econ.) 99 and Dept. Bul. 1246.)

Soybeans. Recommended 1925; rev. 1926.

(Mimeographed circular.)

Wool. Diameter of fiber. Promulgated 1923; rev. 1926.
Wool top. Diameter of fiber. Promulgated 1926.
(See S.R.A. 100 (Agr. Econ.)

TENTATIVE STANDARDS

Used in market news work and educational and demonstration work:

Livestock:

Cattle, slaughter, stockers and feeders.

(See Dept. Bul. 1464.)

Calves, slaughter and stockers.

Vealers, slaughter.

(Mimeographed circulars; but specifications for stocker calves not yet available for distribution.)

Hogs, slaughter, stockers and feeders.

(Not yet available for distribution.)

Sheep, slaughter, stockers and feeders.

Lambs, slaughter, stockers and feeders.

(Mimeographed circulars.)

Standard schedule of market classes and grades of cattle, calves, vealers, hogs, sheep, and lambs.

(See Dept. Bul. 1360.)

Used in services offered under annual appropriation acts; in market news work; basis for contracts by public institutions:

Meats:

Fresh and frozen veal.

(Not yet available for distribution.)

Fresh, frozen and cured pork.

(Mineographed circular.)

Fresh and frozen lamb.

Fresh and frozen mutton.

(See Dept. Bul. 1470.)

Approved undor Regulation 8 Section 2 (a) of Revised Regulations for Warehousemen Storing Tobacco under the United States Warehouse Act. S.R.A. No. 90 (Agr. Economics)

Tobacco:

Flue-cured tobacco of Types 11,12,13, and 14. Recommended 1922; rev. 1925.

Fire-cured tobacco of Type 21. Recommended 1923.

Fire-cured tobacco of Types 22 and 23. Recommended 1922: rev. 1926.

Fire-cured tobacco of Type 24. Recommended 1922; rev. 1927.

Burley tobacco of Type 31. Recommended 1926.

One-sucker tobacco of Type 35. Recommended 1923; rev. 1927.

Green River tobacco of Type 36. Recommended 1922; rev. 1925.

Sun-cured tobacco of Type 37. Recommended 1923.

Seedleaf tobacco of Type 41. Recommended 1926.

Gebhardt tobacco of Type 42. Recommended 1923.

Zimmer tobacco of Type 43. Recommended 1923.

Little Dutch tobacco of Type 44. Recommended 1923.

Broadleaf Tobacco of Type 51. Recommended 1923.

Havana Seed tobacco of Type 52. Recommended 1923.

Wisconsin Cigar tobacco of Types 54 and 55. Recommended 1923; rev. 1926.

(Descriptions of these standards for types of tobacco appear in mimeographed circulars.)

Type Classification of American -grown Tobacco. Recommended 1925.

(Miscellaneous Circular 55.)

United States standard tobacco sizes. Recommended 1926.

(Miscellaneous Circular 83.)

Used in educational work:

Containers: Schedules of specifications for fruit and vegetable crates and boxes in common use.

(Mimeographed circular.)